# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a budget meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Also Present: Chair Buckley, Supervisor La Violette, Supervisor Clancy, Supervisor Zima, Supervisor Nicholson Cullen Peltier, Todd DeLain, Kim Pansier, Chad Weininger, Carolyn Maricque, Lisa Remiker-DeWall, Todd VanDenHeuvel, Paul Gazdik, Al Klimek, Neil Basten, Brent Miller, Cheryl Beekman, Don Hein, Troy Streckenbach, Dave Lasee, Judge Atkinson, Supervisor Jamir, Supervisor Kaster, Supervisor Robinson, Supervisor Sieber, Supervisor Lund, Supervisor Landwehr

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick Buckley at 5:03 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to move Item 3 to be taken following Item 5. Vote taken. <u>MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of October 1, 2014.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. <u>MOTION</u> <u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

Comments from the Public. None.

#### \*\* BUDGET REVIEW \*\*

## **REVIEW OF 2015 DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

1. <u>District Attorney:</u> Review of 2015 department budget.

District Attorney David Lasee reported that his proposed budget contains an additional position for an intake specialist and there is a resolution to approve this position. He explained that this position will allow for streamlining the intake procedures in his office which is very important. He noted that this position was added without adding anything to the levy amount. The contract attorney position and support staff position are also included in the budget for another year to assist with the backlog of drug cases. Lasee indicated that the State may provide help with regard to these positions in the future.

Supervisor Clancy noted that the referral costs are down and asked Lasee why that was. Lasee responded that this was probably related to overall personnel costs being down in his office. He noted that any costs that were saved in any other areas were put into the intake specialist position he referred to above.

Supervisor Nicholson arrived at 5:06 pm.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. <u>MOTION</u> CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution re: Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2015 Budget Process.
 District Attorney)

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. <u>MOTION</u> <u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

### 2. <u>Medical Examiner:</u> Review of 2015 department budget.

Medical Examiner Al Klimek stated that his budget is basically status quo and his office has been able to maintain their costs and revenues.

Supervisor Zima arrived at 5:09 pm.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. <u>Court System:</u> Review of 2015 department budget.

Although shown in the proper order here, this Item was taken following Item 5.

Judge Atkinson, Financial Operations Manager Neil Basten and Circuit Court Office Manager Cheryl Beekman were on hand to address the Committee. Chair Buckley began by stating that he has tried to figure out the Court System budget for the last several years and it does not make sense to him. He continued that when he looks at the history of the numbers, it appears that the Court System has budgeted for more than they have obtained in revenue in prior years. Buckley felt that lofty projections were just making the budget come in where they felt it needed to be, however, the Court Systems comes up several hundred thousand dollars short at the end of the year. Buckley continued that the GAL fees have been discussed as a cause of the shortfalls, but he felt that there should be money rolling in on more of a regular basis. He continued that about \$180,000 has been added to the proposed budget even though it is not clear what the issue is and he does not agree with throwing money at a problem without knowing what the problem is. Buckley continued that in looking at the budget numbers for 2013 actual, there are numbers that do not match the 2015 budget. He stated that if he is not confident that the numbers are correct, he does not feel good about being expected to give more money to the Court System.

Judge Atkinson responded that part of the problem has been that the Northern Building has been given bad numbers in the past. He stated that the budget numbers in the past had been made, in a sense, to get the Court System to the numbers that they felt were expected of them by the Northern Building. There were over optimistic projections as to what was going to come in as income and there were also misconceptions of what the expenses were going to be. Judge Atkinson continued that he felt that the proposed budget that was now before the Committee contained good, legitimate, honest numbers based on past evidence and facts. He continued that in the past five years he felt that the submitted budgets were unrealistic and he was embarrassed to come back to the Committee every year to ask for modifications and adjustments. Judge Atkinson continued that he hoped that the numbers presented now are much more reliable and realistic than in the past. His position is to be conservative rather than overly optimistic.

Judge Atkinson continued that they have had problems with GAL fees in the past and indicated that they have incorporated new policies to address this. He stated that changes include requiring GAL's to provide periodic billings to the Court and to the litigants. When litigants see the GAL fees rising monthly, they may make efforts to keep their fees lower. Before litigants were provided with regular billing updates, they often did not realize how fast GAL fees accrued and often did not have any means to pay the bills nor did they make any reasonable attempts to pay the bills. Litigants are also now required to make periodic payments on the GAL fees during the pendency of their cases. Judge Atkinson felt that these changes in procedure allow the Court System to provide more accurate figures for the budget process.

Buckley asked who had the responsibility of trying to collect GAL fees. Basten responded that it was the responsibility of the Clerk of Court's office to seek payments. He explained that the GAL fees come down to the Clerk of Court's office and are approved to pay and litigants are then given 180 days to pay the bills. If they are not paid, a tax intercept is filed and a lot of fees are collected in the February and March timeframe. If funds are not available through a tax intercept, the outstanding bills are forwarded to a collection agency. Basten stated that the Clerk of Courts office has pursued every avenue to get the bills paid including voluntary wage assignments as well as court-ordered wage assignments. He noted that if the litigants do not listen to the judge regarding payment, they are not going to listen to Basten.

Buckley asked Basten to comment on Judge Atkinson's earlier comments. Basten stated that he agreed with the Judge and said that in 2009 the Court System returned \$14,000 to the general fund but this has not occurred again in the last few years and he felt that much of this was based on GAL bills. He stated that some bills are astronomical and noted that they had several this year that were in the \$20,000 range. In those cases, however, the Judge ordered the parties to dip into their retirement savings to get the bills paid. Basten continued that he has seen levy numbers dip since 2009 and stated that even though the levy numbers dip, the expenses still go up and something has to give. This is the reason that they are asking for more money this year during the budget process. Buckley did not feel the answer is to have lofty budget numbers as this has set them up the last few years to come back to get more money at the end of the year. Basten responded that they had huge GAL expenses in 2013 that they thought they would collect in 2013, but that did not happen. Basten said that they cannot make people pay. He thought that they would continue collecting on GAL bills last year, but that did not happen. Based on that, Basten talked to the Judge and was asked to come back with more realistic figures and these are the figures that are reflected in this budget. Basten also noted that expenses continue to go up as well.

La Violette felt that Judge Atkinson was correct in that there is a great desire to please the people in the Northern Building and to come in within the numbers they want and she can see how numbers could have been misstated and impossible to achieve in the past.

Buckley felt that in going forward the Court System needs to look at ways to operate more efficiently and he mentioned things like looking at staffing or going paperless. Basten stated that with regard to staffing, last year they had several people out on long-term disability. He stated that if you take one person out of the Clerk of Courts office, it causes a ripple effect. That being said, he also noted that there were a few people coming up for retirement next year. He also stated that the previous Clerk of Courts did not give two hoots about anything and he felt that a fresh set of eyes coming in with a new Clerk of Courts will be good. Buckley stated that at this time he is having a hard time putting an extra \$180,000 into the Court System budget. He would rather see the department come back with a plan after the department has been thoroughly evaluated and he felt that the new Clerk of Courts should also have some input on this. Buckley felt that that would be a more appropriate approach rather than just throwing additional money in.

Zima asked if the imbalance of the budget was a result of being overly optimistic with regard to revenue or underestimating expenses. Judge Atkinson responded that it was mainly attributed to overestimating revenues and this was mainly a result of the GAL fees that were discussed earlier. Zima stated that a budget is nothing more than best guesses, and it seems to him that the figures are based on what the department hopes to collect in GAL bills. Zima felt it was a good idea to let the litigants know on a regular basis what their GAL bills are as this may make some people think twice about the things they want to argue about and be a little more realistic when they see the costs of a GAL. Zima realizes that the GAL bills need to be paid, whether it is part of the budget at this time or whether it came at the end of the year, but he did not feel it was appropriate to blame the department for people that are not paying their GAL bills.

Judge Atkinson reiterated what he said earlier that the additional money they are asking for at this time is money they should have been asking for every year. Judge Atkinson continued that the realism is that a lot

of the GAL fees stem from divorce cases and many times the parties are unemployed and some of their marital problems stem from financial issues. This is typically not a group that you can force payment from

He felt that the Committee has the perception that these parties are collectible, but many times they are not. Judge Atkinson stated that they came to the Committee year after year saying they would collect the revenue and they are finding that this is not the case. He also noted that they are required under the Statutes to hire the GALs and this is not something they can change. Buckley indicated that he can appreciate the Judge's comments, however, there are other departments where people might be losing their jobs and have needs for money for different programs to help the needy. Buckley stated that without trying to get a better handle and coming up with a plan, he is concerned about throwing \$180,000 forward and just hoping that things work out. He felt there are changes that can be made and he felt that the new Clerk of Courts has to step up and do the job and make any changes that are appropriate. Zima disagreed that a new Clerk would make a difference. Buckley felt that the Clerk of Courts is an elected position and, as such, needs to be held to a certain standard.

Judge Atkinson responded that they have taken steps to solve the problems and he reiterated the GAL processes that were outlined earlier. He also reiterated that the County is required to appoint GALs and pay them to represent the children in divorce cases. The Committee not giving the money asked for is not going to change the way they operate because they are mandated by the State to appoint the GALs. Brown County does not have the authority to not have GALs appointed. Judge Atkinson also noted that the current Judges operate as conservatively and restrictively as they are able and they cannot stop the progression of cases that are filed and they cannot stop providing GALs.

Zima asked Buckley if he felt that the Clerk of Courts could be doing something differently to do a better job of collecting money. Buckley responded that he was aware that the State can do collections for these types of situations and they would give 100% back to the County rather than retaining a portion like the collection agencies that are being used now do.

Buckley asked for figures as to how much is being billed out in GAL fees. Basten responded that last year they billed out \$369,000 and collected \$329,000 but noted that most of what was collected was from prior years. He also reminded the Committee that the parties have 180 days to pay their GAL bills so anything that was billed from June of this year forward will likely not be received until next year.

Zima commented that if the department is collecting all but \$40,000, and they are still \$180,000 short, unless positions are eliminated, he does not know what else they can do. He felt that either the amount be included in the budget at this time or it will need to be paid at the end of the year. Buckley responded that he would like the department to look at ways to operate more efficiently. He felt that some of the things to look at would be not filling positions upon retirement and also the cost of storage of records as he felt that the County has places that records could be stored at no cost. Buckley felt there were items to consider rather than just throwing money to the department.

Zima asked County Executive Troy Streckenbach why he included the additional funds in the proposed budget. Streckenbach responded that historically the department has been trying to manage the GAL increases but they were caught off guard. When Judge Atkinson met with him about the budget they had an honest conversation about what the amounts were that were needed to have the Court System budget come in at the level that would prevent them for coming back at the end of the year for more funds. They came to an agreement that an increase at budget time would give the department the best shot of not having to come back for additional funds. Zima asked if a study of the department had been suggested and Streckenbach responded that there are plans to look at the overall structure of the organization. He stated that they are trying to monitor the GAL fees and they came up with the ideas that have been implemented to get better control of the situation. Streckenbach stated that this is the year they decided to put more money

in the budget to prevent the department from coming back to the Committee for more money at the end of the year. Streckenbach again stated he is aware of budget issues in the Court System and this is the year they decided to attempt to rectify that. He also felt from the administrative side that there are some efficiencies that can be made within the overall department and they will look at those options.

Buckley asked Basten how much he felt was needed for the GAL fees to balance. Buckley stated that perhaps they could deal with the GAL portion at this time and then look at working on the interdepartmental part of it to have the office run more efficiently. Streckenbach stated he understood what Buckley was suggesting but wanted to be sure the Committee understood that the figures that have been brought forward are what they felt was appropriate and attainable.

La Violette asked who was in charge of the department and who would be the leader to bring this back if it was not approved tonight. Basten answered that the Clerk of Courts is in charge of the department and would be the person who would work on this along with the Judge.

Zima felt that this was getting to be a lot of conversation about something that the department really has very little control over. He indicated that a staffing report may be helpful, but that will not change the fact that people will not or do not pay their GAL fees. Zima recognized that although the Executive says he wants the budget more realistic, it still needs to be realized that the department will not receive 100% of the fees they bill out and this is just part of doing business. It seems to Zima that on the rolling average they appear to be collecting about 90% and he asked if the GAL fees were the biggest problem. He also questioned if the department is running \$40,000 short on GAL fees, why they have included an additional \$180,000 in the budget.

Judge Atkinson stated that the budget that has been submitted is an open, honest and reasonable budget. He was embarrassed to come to the Committee at the end of the year to say that they were short on funds. He took a good look to figure out what it costs to run the operation and that is the budget that has been put forth. He also indicated that they do not have a lot of discretionary spending in the department and they comply with every law put forth by the State. Judge Atkinson reiterated that the budget submitted is what he feels is a legitimate budget that does not contain fluff and he noted that they run a pretty tight ship. He acknowledged that it does contain more dollars than in the past, but he felt that this is the amount that is needed to run the department and avoid having to come back to the Committee and the Board to ask for more money.

Nicholson asked who prepared and presented the budget in the past when the numbers were so inaccurate. Basten answered that it was prepared and presented primarily by the former Clerk of Courts, Jason Beck along with some help from himself. Basten continued that he worked on the budget being presented tonight a little bit with Jason Beck, but more so with Judge Atkinson after Beck left. Nicholson agreed with Buckley in that there is a new individual that will be moving into the Clerk of Court's position and he felt that if this was not urgent he would like to see it postponed until the new Clerk of Courts is elected and a presentation is made to the Committee. Nicholson felt it would be fair to have the new person involved and work on this. He stated if the funds are warranted, they will be given to the department. Nicholson said that the person who he thinks is going to win the Clerk of Courts election has made a campaign promise and he thinks it is fair to allow the new Clerk to follow through on the promise. Buckley brought up the idea of a compromise of giving the department half of the money at this time and then having the new Clerk of Courts come back with justification for the remainder of the funds that are truly needed.

Director of Administration Chad Weininger clarified that the actual amount that is being increased is \$163,000, although the levy was increased by \$180,000 but that included staff salaries that were added in. Zima asked what other than GAL fees accounted for the previous shortfalls. Judge Atkinson explained that of every dollar that they collect on things such as traffic tickets and hunting tickets, 35% stays in Brown County

and the remainder goes directly to the State. Basten stated that they put a lot of time and effort into collecting traffic tickets and other fees, and the majority of the collected funds go to the State.

Zima noted that both Maricque and Weininger said the previous budgets were over optimistic. Zima continued that sometimes people balance their budgets in funny ways. He said that it appears that this year the Court System has come forward with an honest budget that they feel will work. Zima also noted that if the extra funds are not included in the budget at this time, they will have to be paid at the end of the year and he appreciated what Judge Atkinson was attempting to do with this budget in trying to be realistic for the first time.

Basten stated that the GAL fees that they have been discussing are incurred in family and paternity cases, but noted that there are also GAL fees incurred in some juvenile and probate cases as well which have to be factored in and those amount to about \$200,000. Basten said that they cannot collect on the juvenile and probate GAL fees per Statute. They have talked to Corporation Counsel on this and they agree that those are not reimbursable by the State. Buckley asked when Corporation Counsel was asked to look into this. Beekman answered that Judge Walsh put this in a memo earlier in the year to Corporation Counsel and received word back that there is very little that can be done to collect from indigent persons and they have to follow the Statutes. Further, the County is responsible for paying GAL fees in CHIPs cases and other cases in which parties are indigent and have no means to pay.

Buckley said that he could sympathize with what Judge Atkinson was saying and he also agreed with Basten in that it appears that they had an absentee Clerk of Courts for the last several years who did not pay attention to the budget or expenses. He recalled a Public Safety meeting held at the airport last year in which Judge Atkinson had to ask the Committee for more money. Buckley felt that the direction the department is going needs to be changed. He did not think the Clerk of Courts office needed the entire \$163,000 that they were asking for at this time.

Clancy said that this is the first time he has heard someone being criticized for being honest. He felt that if the extra money was not included in the budget at this time, it would have to be paid later. Clancy felt that the Committee is expecting miracles that the Court System return money at the end of the year so the Committee can say what a great department this is. He felt that the money should be given now as requested and let them do their job and get on with business instead of fiddling around anymore. He felt that if you want miracles to happen, the new Clerk of Courts should be allowed to perform.

Zima felt that by not giving them the money at this time, the new Clerk of Courts will be challenged. He did not think the new Clerk of Courts should be given this amount but instead should have the opportunity to show what he can do. Zima also stated that it was a complete joke to have someone elected to a position when they have never even been in the office.

Supervisor Sieber asked if the County was allowed to decide what amount to pay GALs and if there was a possibility the County could use GALs who charge less per hour than what is currently being paid. Atkinson responded that GALs get paid at the rate of \$70 an hour and indicated that the going rate for an attorney in private practice is upwards of \$200 an hour.

Atkinson stated that they first talked about GAL bills in divorce actions and family cases and they are \$30,000 off on those cases, but he reiterated that GAL fees are also incurred on other cases which many times are uncollectible. He stated that the Committee can do what they want and he has respect for all of the Committee members, but in the past, what happened is that numbers were given that made people happy. His goal with this budget is to put forth a budget that was fair, accurate and honest and workable. The budgets in the past were not realistic, but what is being submitted now represents what it takes to run the operation. There is no fluff or extra dollars in the budget. Buckley stated that he totally appreciates what

Judge Atkinson is trying to do and noted that since he has been on the Board Judge Atkinson has tried to solve the issues at the Courthouse. Buckley's concern is if they just give the money, they will go another year without having anyone really monitor if the department is running the way it is supposed to run. He would rather see a plan that says this is what they need to run the department, but he is not confident yet, because of the past, that this budget is where it needs to be. Buckley felt that they need to have HR or the new Clerk of Courts or the Internal Auditor go in there to see what exactly the department needs because for years it has just been numbers on a page to keep people happy. He would like the Court System budget to be in line with other departments where they are coming in pretty close to the budget. He does appreciate what Judge Atkinson is trying to do, but he feels this needs more work than what has been done so far.

Nicholson stated that with all due respect, the Committee does believe in the Judge and felt that he was bringing in honest numbers. Nicholson just wants to ask that they wait until the new Clerk of Courts comes in to run it by him. If the money is needed, the Committee will give it to them. This is nothing against the Judge and his staff in any way.

Maricque commented that in 2011 the public charges came in at \$1,674,000; in 2012 the public charges were \$1,690,000; 2013 was a low year and they came in at \$1,554,000. If \$163,000 is put back this year, the budget is not realistic based on history.

Buckley felt that it had been established that past numbers could not be relied upon and he was more interested in moving forward with the numbers that the Judge and Executive's Office put forward.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. No vote taken.

Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to increase public charges by \$163,000 and decrease levy by \$163,000. Vote taken. Ayes: Zima, Nicholson, Clancy, Buckley Nay: La Violette. MOTION CARRIED 4 – 1.

#### 4. Public Safety Communications: Review of 2015 department budget.

Public Safety Communications Director Cullen Peltier indicated that his department's budget is status quo with the exception of an increase in radio maintenance costs. All other items in the budget are the same as last year.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. Sheriff: Review of 2015 department budget.

Chief Deputy Todd De Lain relayed apologies from Sheriff Gossage who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

De Lain continued that the items in the Sheriff's Department budget have been discussed at Public Safety Committee meetings over the last several months, including the computer forensics analyst positions. He noted that one computer forensics analyst has been hired and they are awaiting final background clearance on another candidate.

Supervisor Robinson referred to the new initiatives included in the budget book and asked De Lain what specifically was planned for the human trafficking initiative. De Lain responded that human trafficking is an initiative not only locally, but also nationwide and the goal is to address any situation in which a person is being exploited for any reason, including working in an environment that they should not be working in,

sexual exploitation, or any other type exploitation. One concern would be a person in this area who may not have all of the legal paperwork to be in this country, but a person is forcing them to work for them. The Sheriff's Department will be working to address these issues and will bring them forward with assistance of the FBI.

Robinson stated that he was in full support of this initiative, but wanted to know specifically what the Sheriff's Department's plans are to address this. De Lain responded that as the Sheriff's Department is made aware of suspicious activity, they will do an active investigation as relates to this type of activity and will work with the federal government to ensure that individuals are properly cared for. They will also address the individuals forcing individuals to do this type of activity.

Supervisor Zima asked if this initiative includes people working at restaurants and De Lain stated that it could. Zima stated that it does not take too much from a casual observer to see that people who do not speak English and seem to be totally captivated by their employment may be working for close to nothing and it is possible that these people are being exploited or are working off debts. Zima asked if law enforcement ever goes into facilities to check documentation of employees. De Lain responded that Zima's example is exactly the type of situation that the Sheriff's Department intends to look into. He continued that there are instances of certain documentation being withheld from individuals who are being threatened that if they do not do the work, they will be reported and therefore individuals feel compelled to do certain work. There are also instances where individuals are being forced to do work to pay off debts for getting into this country. In these situations, there is fear of being identified as being in the country when they should not be as well as fear of coming to law enforcement for help. The Sheriff's Department initiative is to help those people so they are not being held in an environment that is not safe. The Sheriff's Department will address those situations when they come up and work with the federal government to find out who is responsible and hold them accountable and also for the individuals being exploited, to be sure that they are being properly cared for and then they would go into the normal system of the federal government to handle those that are in the country illegally. De Lain continued that they want to make sure that there are not individuals in this community that are being forced or coerced into performing duties that they would not otherwise perform.

Zima asked De Lain how the County intends to be proactive in this area and if the Sheriff's Department will be assigning a person to work specifically and exclusively on this issue or if it is more of a general thing where the Sheriff's Department will cooperate with other authorities when occasions arise. De Lain stated that the Sheriff's Department has already undergone specific training as to what to look for when they are made aware of a possible case of human trafficking. He also noted that Lt. Valley as well as other investigators are working to address these issues. De Lain stated that first and foremost there must be training to know what to look for and learn what the Department can and cannot do in these situations and what the best way to handle the situations are as well as what organizations they work with and who is best to work with to resolve the issues. They have recently had conversations with agencies to address these issues and they are currently looking into places where this might be occurring. De Lain continued that human trafficking can be in the form of sexual exploitation as well as exploitation in the work place. He also noted that young individuals who may be runaways can meet an individual who gives them a place to stay in exchange for leading them into illegal activities such as the distribution of controlled substances. Individuals who are involved in this will target vulnerable individuals who may have been in trouble before or are having difficulties with parents and maybe do not have a place to stay. They will seek those vulnerable individuals out and offer them a place to stay in exchange for them doing illegal activities. Sometimes the individuals that are being exploited are allowed to keep a certain amount of money from what they bring in.

Zima asked again if there would be a certain person in the Sheriff's Department dedicated to work on this issue. De Lain responded that they do not have one specific person who is going to do this exclusively, but noted that this is part of the duties of the investigators and as these situations present themselves, the

Sheriff's Department will put the appropriate resources on it to address the situations. At this time De Lain did not feel that this was at the level that needed a full-time person assigned to it.

Zima felt that this was an area that needs consideration. He felt that homeless people with no place to go can be used by individuals for different activities such as prostitution and distribution of drugs. He has seen restaurants with employees that do not seem to have any connection at all. He felt that perhaps the Sheriff's Department may wish to try on a trial basis having someone assigned specifically to this area to go after these situations.

La Violette stated she trusts the Sheriff's Department to do a good job and she felt that perhaps the Committee could ask De Lain to come back in six months and give a report on the progress being made in this regard. De Lain agreed with this and felt that the Sheriff felt good with the staffing at where it is currently at to get a good feel of what there is in regard to this situation and how pervasive it is. Clancy suggested that this issue be brought up in closed session at an upcoming Public Safety meeting to allow the Sheriff's Department to go into more detail as to what is going on.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a. Resolution re: Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2015 Budget Process. (Sheriff's Department)

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. <u>MOTION</u> CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Other

Audit of bills.

No bills were presented; no action taken.

- 7. Such other matters as authorized by law. None.
- 8. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to adjourn at 6:22 pm. Vote taken. <u>MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio Recording Secretary